

The Leadline

The Voice of NATRC Region 1 Competitive Trail Riding

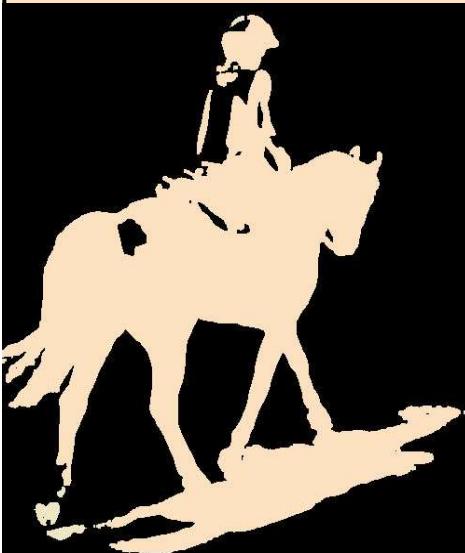


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NATRC Regional Conference

March 2019



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Chair's Column. . .

Hi All,

Leisure Division (LeD) rides are new this year, at least as a formal division, and they're generating a good deal of interest. We offer LeD rides at almost all of the "regular" rides on our schedule this year, and we even have one Leisure-only ride.

The top two things that make NATRC a great venue, in my humble opinion, are:

- You get to ride on someone else's favorite trails in areas that you probably wouldn't ever get to on your own, and if you did, you wouldn't know where to ride.
- There's a premium put on safety and manners in camp and on the trail.

The LeD rides have those same characteristics, but with a simplified structure at a shorter distance. It's a great place for a young horse or for an older horse to get in a trail ride that's new, but limited in distance and of known difficulty. Our emphasis on manners and safety make our LeD rides a perfect place to ride with kids or grandkids. Since it's not a race, riding partners can stick together.

Although overnighting is not required, it's a perfect place to bring a young horse to learn about camping. Having a destination campsite might take enough of the uncertainty out of horse camping so that it becomes attractive to people who (like me) spend time thinking of things that could go wrong.

My point is that our LeD rides could grow our active horse community from sources that might not be interested in doing our O/CP/N rides, but who might be interested in our LeD rides. They might decide to try another division, but if LeD works for them, that's great, too. **HOWEVER**, they can't ride LeD if they don't know about it – so I'm hoping that everyone who reads this will figure out a way to weasel it into every conversation they have with other horse people!

I hope to see you on the trail – along with some of your friends!

Donna Stidolph



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NATRC R1 2019 Ride Schedule

"A" is a 2-day ride

"B1" is a 1-day ride on a Saturday

"B2" is a 1-day ride on a Sunday

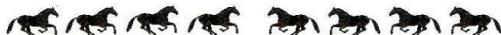
O = Open (highest level)

CP = Competitive Pleasure (more experienced but fewer miles and slower than Open)

N= Novice (new to this sport)

L= Leisure (also known as LeD)- New this year, approx. half as long as a Novice ride.

April 13	NATRC Clinic	Valley Springs, CA
May 4	Mt. Diablo CMDTRA Spring Ride Email: mtnoaks@earthlink.net (925) 672-4348	Clayton, CA "B1"-O/N/CP/L
May 18-19	Cowboy Camp Email: linda.thomason@gmail.com (510) 708-1439	Williams, CA "A" - O/CP/N "B1" - N/L
June 29-30	Eel River Email: wolves1961@sbcglobal.net (707) 795-8163	Potter Valley, CA "A" - O/CP/N "B1"- CP/N/L "B2" - N
July 27-28	Challenge of the North Email: wildroseph@yahoo.com (907) 590-4080	Fairbanks, AK "A" - O/CP "B1" - N
Aug. 17-18	Jackson Forest Summer Email: wolves1961@sbcglobal.net (707) 795-8163	Ft. Bragg, CA "A" - O/CP/N "B1"- CP/N/L "B2"- N
Sept. 14	Cool Canyon Ride Email: equupassage@aol.com (916) 719-6265	Cool, CA "B1"- L only
Sept. 21-22	Fall Fiesta Email: iambrewing@aol.com (707) 743-9973	Ft. Bragg, CA "A"- O/CP/N "B1"- CP/N/L "B2"- N
Oct. 12-13	Round Valley Regional Park Email: linda.thomason0610@gmail.com	Brentwood,CA "A"- O/CP "B1"- N



REGION 1 AWARDS – Combined Awards Breakfast

Reno, NV March 10, 2019

Credits:

R1/ R1A/ R2 Awards Breakfast: Lory Walls
 Registration: Maria Pilgrim
 Membership/Voting: Stephanie Swain
 Awards: Sheila Christiansen and Betty Young
 MC: Maria Pilgrim
 Program: Jamie Dieterich
 Photos: Linda Thomason, Donna Stidolph, Kimberly Naugle, Julie Willitt, Beni DeMattei, Maggie Humphreys
 Convention Photography: Donna Stidolph and Linda Thomason

In Remembrance: Marion Arnold

Thank you to our generous R1 award sponsors:
 Because of the overwhelming response from our members to the request for awards donations last year, we were able to create an "Awards Kitty" that also covered all the 2018 awards. Many thanks to those named below who contributed so generously.

Super Benefactor (\$1,000 and up):

Tammy Brown

Platinum (\$500 - \$999):

Robyn Berwick

Eileen, Jeff and Claire Cichocki

Linda Clarke

Darlene, Brian and Haley Schlerf

National Sponsors: Be sure to thank and support our national sponsors.

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2018 R1 BOD - with thanks and appreciation

Lee Cannon, Sheila Christiansen, Jamie Dieterich (NBOD), Angie Meroshnekoff (NBOD), Steve Meroshnekoff, Maria Pilgrim, Donna Stidolph, Stephanie Swain, Linda Thomason (Alt. NBOD)

LL Editor: Laurie Knuutila

Webmaster: Donna Stidolph

R1 Ride Secretaries 2018 - with gratitude and appreciation

Jessie Simons - CMDTRA

Linda Thomason – Cowboy Camp

Maria Pilgrim – Eel River and Jackson Forest

Fall Fiesta – Angie Meroshnekoff

R1A Ride Secretary

Jessica Kelsch - Knik River Ramble

Region 1 Appreciation Certificates**Todd Family – by Angie Meroshnekoff**

As ride managers and passionate trail riders, we are always looking for places to ride. In December 2017, a family whose children are riding students of mine, invited us to a New Year's Eve trail ride on their sprawling ranch. The ranch of course was amazing, but even more so was the welcoming attitude of the entire family. After a long ride, we came back to a campfire with coffee, cocoa and hotdogs set up by family members who hadn't ridden. At some point when praising the beauty of the ranch, I commented that it would be a nice place for an NATRC ride. Grandpa Russell, who does not ride, seemed to perk up his ears. "What's that," he asked? After an explanation, he said, "Let me check with Mom and the family." Grandma Marjorie said yes, and a new ride was born.

The Todd family was so welcoming and went out of their way to make sure we had all we needed for the ride. Russell and Nancy took us out on ATVs to learn the trails. They arranged for piped in water at camp and allowed us to mow the meadow next to camp for parking. The whole family, kids and all, helped clear the camp area of downed tree limbs. Rachel was the communications point for us with the extended family and made sure our questions were answered and our needs were met. Russell took it on himself to contact two neighbors who owned extensive property adjacent to the ranch and got permission for the ride to expand out there as well, something we would not have known was possible. Uncle Rick brought in a trail machine and fixed several trails that were dangerously eroded, finishing the last one just days before the ride. Rachel's husband, Dan, loaned us his truck to drive on the ride and did the small odd job stuff that comes up just before and during rides.

We in Region 1 want to extend a huge "Thank You" to the Todd family for allowing us to use their beautiful ranch for the Eel River ride and for all the help along the way.

Barbara Newell – by Angie Meroshnekoff

How can a person be a huge help to our Region and not even be known by most of the members? That's what happens when that person doesn't ask for recognition and helps out behind the scenes. Such a person is Barbara Newell. She is the founder and CEO of Penofin, maker of wood care products. She is also an accomplished rider and breeder of Arabian horses.

Barbara's biggest contribution is her support of the junior riders in Region 1. Many of Barbara's horses live at White Dog Ranch, so over the years she has allowed rides, she pays all their expenses. She willingly pays 1/2 their expenses. She willingly pays extra to keep her horses in top shape so they can be used by the kids

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Awards Breakfast (Continued)

Barbara Newell (continued)

She has sponsored other junior riders on their own horses over the years by paying for their ride entries. She cheers for the kids behind the scenes, no matter if they win or lose. Barbara also pays for many of the awards presented at some of the rides. And she has many times sponsored junior riders who want to attend Regional or National Conventions but can't afford to.

To our secret admirer, behind the scenes cheerleader, our generous benefactor, and overall wonderful friend - Region 1 thanks you, Barbara Newell.

Sheila Christiansen Grow where you are planted.

That's what Sheila Christiansen has done. Transplanted from R6 to R1 several years ago, Sheila tested the waters in the Novice Division on her horse, Cooper. She asked questions – lots of questions. She started another horse, NHR Bravo in Novice, kept asking questions, and moved on to CP.

She not only likes to ask questions, she likes to answer questions and is eager to help. She has mentored Novice riders and helped fellow riders in

camp whenever she could. She helped organize the silent auction when R1 hosted the national convention in 2016. She next ran for the R1 BOD, became the corresponding secretary, became a proofreader and took over mailing the *Lead Line* newsletter, started a Face Book discussion group, and has organized an introductory-ride clinic in April. On a recent trip to visit her sister in Washington, she met with the local Back Country Horsemen and answered questions about how they might get started with NATRC.

Sheila volunteered to take over the 2018 year end awards. She's diligently shopped to seek out new awards and corresponded with Betty Young to learn some of the ins and outs of this job. She's proved herself to be a forward thinker, someone who offers to help out and then can be depended on when she accepts the job.

With a no-nonsense, take charge, well-organized flair, Sheila Christiansen has become a valuable ambassador for NATRC. We are lucky to have her on board both as a competitor and as a member of the Region 1 Board of Directors.

Novice Junior Horsemanship

1st Aubrey Fansler
2nd Anais Monlux
3rd Chesney Kelly

Novice Lightweight Horsemanship None

Novice Heavyweight Horsemanship

1st Maria Pilgrim

Competitive Pleasure Junior Horsemanship

1st Claire Cichocki

Competitive Pleasure Horsemanship

1st Joe Dillard
2nd Ashley Dillard
3rd Robyn Berwick
4th Sheila Christiansen
5th TIE Trisha Taniguchi
Kris Skoog

Open Horsemanship Awards

Open Junior Horsemanship

1st Natalie Niderost

Open Lightweight Horsemanship

1st Angie Meroshnekoff

Open Heavyweight Horsemanship

High-Point Breed Awards: created by Angie Meroshnekoff

ArabianOM El Sharav / Ashley Dillard
Missouri Fox TrotterDundee's Playboy Bunny/
Robyn Berwick
MorganNHR Bravo / Sheila Christiansen

TWCledith's Driver/ Kris Skoog
MustangDesert Reinbeau/ Angie Meroshnekoff
GradLucky Eddie/ Chesney Kelly
PaintHot Midnight/ Trisha Taniguchi

What I Learned About Managing a Clinic

Shelia Christiansen

Many months ago in the rainy days of Fall, when Spring seemed light years away, an idea came to me that what the Central Valley of California really needed was a 1-day NATRC clinic with a little introductory trail ride to draw people in. As I bounced the idea off my friend, Kim, I said I thought we'd be lucky to get even ten people to come. She said, "Oh, you might be surprised...."

Yes. Yes I was.

Just to be sure, and to appease EBMUD (East Bay Municipal Utility District), I decided to set the maximum rider number at twenty, figuring there was no possible way we would get that many. But it turned out that at one point had twenty signed up and paid, with five on a waiting list, ... and one that arrived in the mail the very last week I just "returned to sender"! The response was astonishing!

Now, I have to confess to you, I've never managed a clinic before. Or a ride. Or much of anything. I don't even manage dinner parties. So for me, this was biting off a lot! But I have been curious as to what all is involved in managing rides, and the role of each volunteer, so I thought this would be a perfect way to learn without screwing up an entire ride in the course of trying. So I designated myself as the ride manager, the ride secretary, and trail master. I figured I may as well jump right in.

What I learned in the preparatory stage:

- Dealing with park officials and rangers is intimidating. Like sitting in the principal's office, trying to explain myself while they glare at me suspiciously.
- The fear of liability runs everything.
- Everybody wants to do everything online, but the computer hides stuff in the black hole.
- There is nothing on YouTube about making and timing a map. Or ribboning a trail.
- You can never send out too many reminders to the riders. Someone still doesn't know.
- Linda has all the stuff.

By the time we got to the final week I felt I had those ducks lined up in a pretty straight row. For me. Organization is a relative term. I had two or three boxes of things that would be needed at the ride (all kind of thrown together), a couple of bags, and my trusty notebook with handwritten notes (turns out that contained all the most important stuff), and I had rider packets assigned, and notebooks ready for the judge's secretaries. And best of all, I had lots of fabulous volunteers.

Donna and I did the ribboning on Friday, one of the prettiest days of the year, weather-wise. Several of the volunteers and about half of the riders camped that night, we had a delightful impromptu social hour, and all was going well!

The next morning's plan was to gather up the volunteers from the campground, stop by Starbuck's on the way to the trailhead to pick up coffee boxes, and be out there no later than 7:00. I had informed the rangers that I would arrive between 6:00 and 7:00, which was fine since their very-strict policy is to open the gate one hour before sunrise, which meant it would be opened around 5:45. At 6:40 I received a phone call from Kim, who said, "Um, I'm

here at the trailhead, and there is a horse trailer here already,... and the gate to the staging area is padlocked."

Panic #1.

I started calling all of the numbers I had for the rangers and the park office. I got recordings: "Thank you for calling. Our office hours are Monday through Friday,...blah blah blah..." I left phone messages. Finally I listened through the whole long advertisement and menu on the ranger station's phone and at the end it said, "If this is an emergency call....", so I did. And real person answered! Hallelujah! In short order someone was dispatched to open the gate and we could begin. By then it was about 7:20.

By 8:00 the horse trailers were streaming in. A volunteer later told me that at one point there were 27 trailers in the lot. Parking was orchestrated by another volunteer, Robyn, while I was explaining the boxes and what was (hopefully) in each one. We had a sign-your-life-away table, followed by a pick-up-your-packet table, and lastly a continental breakfast table. Volunteers mingled with riders and got them headed in the right direction.

Since I had failed to print off that very nice list of riders and their numbers from my computer, Kim used the list from my notebook and made a handwritten riders' list. She also wrote out a list of the volunteers and made sure everyone signed the liability waivers. ("Horses are dangerous; you may be killed....") Yeah, yeah, we all know we might die doing this,-- where do we sign?

Debbie Murphy was our intrepid judge, God bless her. Vetting in, vetting out, and judging twenty new-to-NATRC riders, while trying to educate and inform, adds up to one big undertaking.

While the vetting in was in process I decided to get my truck ready so we could quickly take off for the judge's first spot once they were done with the last vet-in.

And I couldn't find my keys

Panic #2.

I searched through everything many times over, walk all over looking at the ground, and finally enlisted the help of Stephanie (another volunteer) and she went through my truck and everything in it. Short of frisking me (I had already done that) it was like a drug search,---pulling up mats, opening up seats, reaching down between the seats, checking the glove box, dumping out the contents of my purse,...and no luck. So in one of those "if all else fails" states of mind I came up with Plan B: I would ask Donna to drop her trailer and we would use her truck instead. She cheerfully agreed and started cleaning off the seats so we would have room to haul people. I wasn't even going to burden the judge with my problem, there would be time enough to explain after the fact.

As I was heading back to the picnic tables I saw that I had left a coffee cup on a fencepost at the gate, so I went over to pick it up and wah-lah! There were my keys!! Thank goodness for that coffee cup or I never would have found them.

So once that near-disaster was averted I got the judge and secretaries to the right place for observation, then we headed on to the P&R site. Per the permit I was issued, that was as far as we were allowed to drive, so we just had

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to wait for the group there. I felt totally confident in our four safety riders scattered in amongst the crowd of riders, knowing they could handle whatever may come up.

As the way P&R stops go, the group straggled in a few at a time. We needed to do all of the P&R's, explaining as we went, and Debbie wanted to also do a judged mount there, and then we wanted to get a head start in the truck before anyone took off in order to set up for one more observation. So our P&R stop turned into more of a typical lunch stop instead. Fifty minutes instead of fifteen. Hey, we're flexible like that.

When we finally all got back, the judge and secretaries stayed busy with finishing up the scorecards, and Debbie asked if a few of us experienced NATRC riders could start the debriefing and question and answer session, so we did. There were quite a number of questions, and I was glad that most of them were questions we could answer.

Finally it was concluded, last comments were made, and scorecards were handed out. There was still a lot of enthusiasm in the faces of those riders, despite the fact

that it had run a little long and we had had to "work through lunch". It was so interesting to meet all of those people with whom I had interacted online or on the phone. I was impressed with the level of horsemanship I observed among many of them, and of course it was also a delight to meet and watch the various horses. We had a wide range of breeds, and sizes, and temperaments, but all were kept in quite good control. Control = safety = fun, and that's what we are all about! I'm happy to report we had an accident-free event! And from what I am hearing, I don't think we've seen the last of these riders!

In hindsight I realize that it was a wee bit 'ambitious' to try to do all of that in one 8-hour period, with that many riders. It turned into almost a clinic and Leisure Division ride rolled into one, sans the placings and awards! A lot of information was meted out, and the riders got to experience a lot of what goes on at a regular ride, but it felt a bit rushed, due to trying to do so much in so little time.

Next time there are a number of things I will do differently. (Did I say "next time"?)



Introducing the New Leisure Division By Debbie Murphy

Since 1961, NATRC has helped riders of all ages learn the sport of competitive trail riding (CTR). NATRC has stood the test of time with guidelines allowing us to become the best at what we do- educating and promoting safe trail riding. The trail provides a great place to deepen your relationship with your horse while learning new skills sets. If you're a newcomer to the sport of CTR, have a young or older horse, do not have the time to condition or take time off from responsibilities, prefer a shorter distance, slower one day ride in a relaxed venue, WE HAVE A RIDE FOR YOU! The new Leisure Division! If you are new to NATRC, your first year membership is FREE!

This division is a one day ride, 8-12 miles in distance, 3 to 4.5 MPH, maximum of 5 observations (typically 3-4), judged by a certified NATRC Judge, check in morning of the ride, check out afternoon of the ride. Placings through 10th in Adult and Junior classes. You will receive a team scorecard giving you feedback on your participation. All breeds welcome, no restrictions on shoeing or leg protection, no camping necessary. You will accrue 10 miles per completed ride, points based on placing, be eligible for Regional awards with year-end recognition. This is a TEAM sport and you will be observed as a team on the trail. It's a relaxed atmosphere for you to enjoy the beauty of the trail with your horse and friends. We have six or seven Leisure Division rides coming up in Region 1 in 2019. This is our inaugural year for this division. Come be part of our history and join us. Go to NATRCregion1.org and check out the Ride Schedule for upcoming rides and clinics. You're welcome to call me directly (Debbie Murphy) at 916-719-6265 or email- equuspassage@aol.com. You may also contact Linda Thomason at linda.thomason0610@gmail.com, Region 1 Outreach Coordinator. I am available for clinics or presentations to your club or group.

Caring and managing horse over the distance is what we do best and no one does it better than NATRC!

COME RIDE WITH US!

Some Thoughts on the upcoming changes

The above article was presented to various clubs/organizations in the Sacramento area by my friend Debbie Murphy, one of our new Leisure Division judges. I wanted to add a few of my own thoughts regarding this new division and the changes to our sport over the next few years. Various subcommittees and the National Board of Directors have worked to survey our members and speak with other organizations who have faced similar problems, to find out what worked for them to improve both their organizations and increase membership. Through these endeavors NATRC leadership has sought to create a new vision for the organization. A vision that respects our past accomplishments but keeps an open mind to new ideas which can help the organization expand to support a broader base of riders. Recently I read the Region 6 newsletter and thought that one of their board members- Shari Parys- said it well

"We have a strong history that has brought us through all these decades, but our lives, demands for our time and personal finances, and mentality have changed so what we have always done is not working anymore for the majority. We can keep the framework of what we are, but be more inclusive, have a respect for those with less ability to commit but still want to begin or maintain involvement, and honor the partnership with our horses to a greater degree. "

So I ask you all to refrain from passing judgment too quickly. Assess the changes in 2019/2020, see what works and what doesn't. Unless an organization is flexible it won't survive. Like the tree in the storm, we bend to stand up proud and tall another day.

Some of the rule changes and the new Leisure Division may not sit easily in the minds of "old timers" but we need to open up our sport to include more riders whose goals may be different from ours. We can all learn from each other and grow as a team. I ask my NATRC family to keep an open mind, and to provide feedback so that we can continue to improve and open our arms to include a wider variety of riders. NATRC is embracing the concept of inclusiveness rather than exclusiveness so that more people can participate and embrace this wonderful sport and "Ride with Us".

Linda Thomason
Publicity and Outreach Chairman
NATRC Region 1



Minutes of the NATRC Region 1 Board of Directors Meeting

Sebastopol, CA
10 February 2019

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:16 pm by Chair Donna Stidolph.

Present: Stephanie Swain, Linda Thomason, Angie Meroshnekoff, Donna Stidolph, Jamie Dieterich (via telephone), Sheila Christiansen, Lee Cannon and Maria Pilgrim Absent: Steve Meroshnekoff (excused).

Secretary's Report:

Linda moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held 04 August 2018. Maria seconded. All agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

Reports submitted electronically via email.

Checking balance: \$26,729.60.

There was \$1031.47 in expenses for January 2019, \$45.00 in income. We need to keep in mind that Region 1 will not have any Convention income this year, as we are 'sharing' National Convention with Region 2, and not holding a Mini-Convention. We are starting the year with sufficient resources, but our only fund raising event will be the Region 1 Benefit Ride at Cowboy Camp. Stephanie moved to accept the treasurer's report, Sheila seconded. All agreed.

Committee Reports:

Physical Resource Coordinator: Linda Thomason – Written report submitted via email. T-Shirt inventory is low, limited in size selections; Linda will send detailed inventory information to Angie; Angie will place order. Linda to get information on purchasing heavy duty, reusable plastic bags with R1 logo.

Historian: Donna Stidolph – picked up 5 boxes of miscellaneous NATRC historical 'stuff' from Denise Roberts (Joan Throgmorton's daughter). Boxes were very well organized, representing materials from mid-70's through 80's, including maps, photos and *Hoof Prints*. R1 materials will be retained;

remaining materials to be turned over to National Historian at Convention.

Wonder Workers: Steve Meroshnekoff – volunteer lists not up to date for all rides; need volunteer sign-in sheet at each ride, to be turned in after ride.

Points/Membership: Donna Stidolph – received updated membership list.

Publicity/Outreach Coordinator: Linda Thomason – in light of successful outcome in 2018, Linda moved to have Angie do Facebook boost of all 2019 rides and clinics, and Angie to be reimbursed for the expense (Angie donated related expenses in 2018), Donna seconded. All agreed. Linda will start advertising rides in Trailmeister, California Horseman, BAEN by end of February.

The Leadline: Sheila Christiansen – Karen Smart interested in editor position, has been communicating with Jamie Dieterich and Laurie Knuutila. Donna agreed to assist with the editing software. Sheila will continue to help with proofreading and distribution.

National BOD: Angie Meroshnekoff – there will be no new rule proposals for 2019 while the new structure of NATRC is being worked on. Past rule change process was to propose new rules in February/March, discuss at July meeting, finalize wording and vote in November. New process is to propose new rules in November, discuss in February/March, finalize wording and vote in July. This allows new rules to be finalized and implemented by the November start of the new ride year. Budget proposal will have similar schedule.

There has been large investment in marketing, recreating the NATRC website and RMS, tablets for judges. Marketing consultant hired to help with the makeover – advertising (where and when), press releases, evaluating how we advance, identifying target market, helping ride managers advertise their rides.

Region 1 Website: Donna Stidolph – need to update sanction for Fall Fiesta ride to include Leisure Division (LeD).

Ride/Clinic Management: Jamie Dieterich – Comanche Clinic insurance approved, sanction approved; Sheila and Debbie Murphy to ride and finalize trail/map; need finalization of EBMUD permit. 15 paid participants, more interested.

Cool Canyon LeD ride sanctioned; Angie judging.

Mt. Diablo Spring ride - Linda will advertise general information; LeD ride manager – Diane Jorgenson is working with Linda and Debbie Murphy. Sheila met with Washington Back Country Horsemen (BCH) group interested in putting on a clinic/LeD ride. Put them in touch with Kathryn Lewandowsky. Lots of Pony Club and 4-H activity in their area. They already have a location in mind for holding a clinic, and possibly following up with an LeD ride.

Angie mentioned that there are some retired horsemanship judges interested in judging LeD rides.

Trails Advocacy Coordinator – Trisha Taniguchi – no update.

Judging Issues – Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich – nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

2019 National Convention – Donna and Linda to do photography; Maria to help with set-up and check-in; Linda to confirm who is bringing the backdrop for the booth, as well as printing membership forms, flyers, ride schedules (R1 to reimburse her for the ink); Lee and Linda to help with booth set-up; Angie ordering LED logo keychains, maybe other give-away items.

Awards Breakfast – Donna to bring computer and projector, do photography; Maria to MC; Jamie to prepare PowerPoint (PP) presentation and operate computer; Sheila to present awards (R1/R2 awards will be presented together).

Need to replace Bob Smith Award – discussion regarding whether to replace or just have the perpetual award on display during award ceremonies, add engraved name to large plaque and give recipient

R1 BOD MINUTES, continued: recipient smaller take-home plaque to keep.	Written description of Perpetual Awards – Maria (with assistance from Jamie) will make a written description of the significance of each of the perpetual awards, to be read at award presentation; a copy will be attached to (bottom?) each award and will include instructions for care and return of the award (who to return to and when).	Questions/Complaints re: why additional LeD rides vs. more A/B rides – consistent answer – bring more new riders to sport.
Appreciation Awards – write-ups complete.		Insurance of LeD rides – Equisure will cover LeD rides as they are a part of the regular ride. Up to 2 clinics per year covered if not held in conjunction with a regular ride.
CMDTRA Horsemanship Day – went really well. Chris Barnhart did trails; Linda did PP presentation/talk on NATRC/Competitive Trail riding; Debbie Murphy did demo of safely tying to trailer.		
C Ride/Clinic meeting – based on 2018 C rides/clinic experience, Debbie Murphy to prepare a standardized format for clinics.		Choose meeting dates for remainder of year – Sunday, 10 March 2019 following general meeting at Convention; Sunday, 05 May 2019 following Mt. Diablo ride, time TBD; Sunday, 08 September 2019 at noon via ZOOM; Sunday, 12 January 2020 at noon via ZOOM.
Committee for Horse Expo 2019 at Rancho Murietta in May. Runs Thursday –Sunday (4 days). Sheila, Linda, Stephanie, Donna and Debbie Murphy have agreed to volunteer; Linda will print membership forms, flyers, ride calendars, etc.; must be sanctioned as a clinic, but does not require insurance as no horses will be involved; 10'x12' booth insured by Horse Expo so no additional cost.	NEW BUSINESS: Donation of portable corral – Tammy Brown has generously donated a portable corral to be used to raise funds for R1. Sheila will pick up from Tammy at end of February. An online auction will be held for this item – to be picked up by recipient.	NEXT MEETING: Time: immediately following General Meeting Date: Sunday, 10 March 2019 Location: Reno, NV
	Seed Money use, application and repayment – the application, including rules for use, has been created and is ready to be posted on the website. Applications require approval by Executive committee (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer).	CLOSE OF MEETING: Stephanie Swain moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 pm: Maria Pilgrim seconded. All agreed.
	Selling of competition numbers for ride year – fun for riders, not fun for ride management/judges – tabled for future discussion.	Respectfully Submitted, Stephanie Swain

Just for Juniors

4-H Year End High Point Award

Are you a 4-H member? Know someone who is? Encourage your friends to do competitive trail rides. They and you can compete against each other to win NATRC's 4-H Year-End High Point Award.

To be eligible is simple. Just compete in any division, nominate yourself, and prove that you are a 4-H member! Here are the specifics:

- 1) The award goes to the high point horse and rider team **regardless** of the division.
- 2) Your self-nomination must occur before the end of the ride year which is the second Sunday in November. (For 2019, that will be November 10th).
- 3) You must: (a) be an NATRC competing member, (b) contact Sarah Rinne at natrc@natrc.org to nominate yourself, and (c) have your 4-H leader contact Sarah to verify that you are a 4-H member.

Additionally, in a number of states (Colorado is one example), 4-H now recognizes competitive trail as an activity that qualifies as a 4-H member's project. How cool is that? A form to use for documentation at the ride is available [here](#) or contact Sarah Rinne, natrc@natrc.org.

Questions? Contact: Shari Parys, katbalu96@aol.com

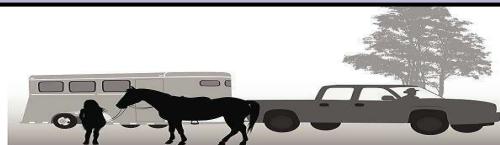
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Plan Name	Competing			Non-Competing	
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Fee	\$75	\$125	\$25	\$50	\$35
Eligibility					
Single adult age 18 or over	X			X	X
Household		◊			
Single child age 10 through 17			X		X
Benefits					
Voting privileges	1	2		1	
Reduced ride entry fees	X	X	X		
Ride awards eligibility	X	X	X	◊◊	◊◊
Volunteer awards eligibility	X	X	X	X	X
Lifetime mileage tracking	X	X	X		
Mileage awards	X	X	X	◊◊◊	◊◊◊
National year-end awards eligibility	X	X	X	◊◊◊	◊◊◊
Regional year-end awards eligibility	X	X	X	◊◊◊	◊◊◊
Sponsor discounts	X	X	X	X	
Can purchase excess liability ins.	X	X		X	
Electronic Hoof Print and E-News	X	X	X	X	X
Region membership and newsletter	X	X	X	X	X
Decal for new members	X	X	X	X	X
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◊ Adult(s) & children under age 18 as of Jan 1

◊◊ Eligible for ride awards only if non-member ride fee paid.

◊◊◊ May upgrade to competing member for year-end and mileage award eligibility before the end of the ride year.

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